

January 11, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

In regards to the settlement that was reached in November between Microsoft and the government, I feel this settlement is fair and reasonable, and I believe it is time to finally end this dispute. It will benefit the technology industry and consumers.

Microsoft is a company that has impacted our society and lives in the last fifteen years. Thanks to innovative design and persistence, Microsoft has gone from a fledgling company to a giant enterprise. Microsoft should not be penalized for this. To end this litigation, Microsoft has agreed to provisions that go way beyond the original issues of the lawsuit.

It is time to allow Microsoft to focus its energies on more productive activities than litigation. Please do your part to ensure there will be no further action against Microsoft at the federal level.

Sincerely,

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